

FISCAL NOTE

Bill #: HB0728

Title: Create state veterans' cemetery in Yellowstone Co., revise funding of program

Primary Sponsor: Lange, M

Status: As Amended in House Committee

Sponsor signature	Date	David Ewer, Budget Director	Date
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Fiscal Summary

	<u>FY 2006 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2007 Difference</u>
Expenditures:		
General Fund	\$0	\$0
State Special Revenue	\$0	\$0
Revenue:		
General Fund	\$0	\$0
State Special Revenue	\$0	\$0
Net Impact on General Fund Balance:	\$0	\$0

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Significant Local Gov. Impact | <input type="checkbox"/> Technical Concerns |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Included in the Executive Budget | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Significant Long-Term Impacts |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dedicated Revenue Form Attached | <input type="checkbox"/> Needs to be included in HB 2 |

Fiscal Analysis

ASSUMPTIONS:

1. The design and construction of a state veterans cemetery in Yellowstone County will cost approximately \$3.25 million.
2. The design and construction expense of a state veterans cemetery in Yellowstone County will be prospectively funded by a 100 percent federal VA veteran's cemetery grant.
3. The State of Montana will apply for the federal VA veterans cemetery grant.
4. If Montana receives the federal VA veteran's cemetery grant, it would be no earlier than in state FY 2008. Cemetery design and bid processes and construction would be complete no earlier than in state FY 2009.
5. With the projected annual expenditure of \$100,000 necessary to operate, maintain, and administer a Yellowstone County state veterans cemetery (which would come from the state veterans cemetery special revenue account) the special revenue account will be at a \$0 balance within five years after the Yellowstone County state veterans cemetery's onset of operations.
6. Projected state veterans cemetery account revenue/expenditures based upon listed figures:

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Current state veterans cemetery special revenue account balance (as of Mar. 1, 2005): \$362,722

Forecast annual revenue/expense operating three state veterans cemeteries at Fort Harrison, Miles City, and Missoula:

Forecast annual revenue in fiscal year 2008:	\$262,500
Forecast annual expense in fiscal year 2008:	\$279,000

Forecast annual revenue/expense operating four state veterans cemeteries at Fort Harrison, Miles City, Missoula, and Yellowstone County:

Forecast annual revenue in fiscal year 2009:	\$292,500*
Forecast annual expense in fiscal year 2009:	\$379,000**

* Includes forecasted \$30,000 in “plot allowance” revenue based upon 100 interments per year at the Yellowstone cemetery.

** Includes forecasted \$100,000 expense to operate and maintain Yellowstone County state veterans cemetery. The \$100,000 includes \$80,000 personnel expense and \$20,000 operations/maintenance expense (the same as projected for the Missoula cemetery).

LONG-RANGE IMPACTS:

With the state veterans cemetery special revenue account depleted and projected expenses exceeding projected revenue by approx. \$86,500 annually, the state veterans cemetery program would be fiscally unable to support the four cemeteries without additional funding.